

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023

Presidential Determination on Unexpected Urgent Refugee and Migration Needs
February 24, 2023

Presidential Determination No. 2023–04

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Unexpected Urgent Refugee and Migration Needs

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including section 2(c)(1) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2601(c)(1) (MRAA)), I hereby determine, pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the MRAA, that it is important to the national interest to furnish assistance under the MRAA in an amount not to exceed \$50 million from the United States Emergency Refugee and Migration Assistance Fund for the purpose of meeting unexpected urgent refugee and migration needs resulting from the February 2023 earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, including through contributions and other assistance to international and nongovernmental organizations to provide humanitarian assistance for refugees and internally displaced persons affected by the earthquakes, including their host communities, and through payment of administrative expenses of the Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration of the Department of State.

You are authorized and directed to submit this determination to the Congress, along with the accompanying Justification, and to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.

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